

# NOTES AND MEMORANDA

## EUROPEAN POPULATION CONFERENCE

THE EUROPEAN POPULATION Conference which is being organized by the Council of Europe in Strasbourg from 30th August to 6th September 1966 will be the first occasion on which population problems have been dealt with at European level.

The Organizing Committee, whose Chairman is Mr. Jean Bourgeois-Pichat, Director of the National Institute of Demographic Studies in Paris, has drawn up a programme based on five general themes: fertility trends, mortality trends, migratory movements, trends in population structures, and teaching and demographic research in Europe.

The Conference, at which all the sessions will be public, will be essentially scientific in character. It will analyse the facts and deduce the causes and effects, in particular the social and economic effects, of population trends. The Organizing Committee has drawn up a preliminary list of participants: in addition to government experts from the member countries there will be some sixty independent experts and about fifty observers representing, in the main, international organizations interested in the work of the Conference. Several experts from non-member countries, including countries of Eastern Europe, will attend.

## POPULATION CRISIS COMMITTEE

GENERAL WILLIAM H. DRAPER has replaced former Senator Keating as National Chairman of the Population Crisis Committee, an organization formed in April 1965 with headquarters in Washington, D.C. It seeks to increase public understanding of the dangers of the world population explosion and to encourage public and private programmes in the fields of population, public health and family planning.

General Draper is the author of the 1959 Draper Report recommending U.S. government aid, on request, to underdeveloped nations to

curb rapid population growth. He has predicted widespread famine unless birth control on a massive scale is soon practised in the developing countries: the world is facing a population crisis more serious in effect than anything Malthus dreamed possible.

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## ELECTIONS TO THE SOCIETY

THE FOLLOWING HAVE been elected members of the Eugenics Society during the past quarter:

- Abass Ali, F.R.ECON.S.  
 John H. Arnott  
 Robert Barnes, M.A.  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Blundell, B.A.  
 Mrs. M. Weizmann, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.